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MISSOULA--

The University of Montana men's track team hopes to continue where it left off last Friday, as they travel to Ogden, Utah for a triangular meet with Weber State, Utah State, and possibly a fourth team. The University of Utah, previously listed to compete, is now not expected to run.

Last Friday coach Marshall Clark's team won a triangular confrontation between Montana State and Eastern Washington on the Grizzly oval at Dornblaser Stadium. UM scored 82½ points, compared to EW's 69½ and MSU's 39 in the triangular scoring. In the dual competition, the Grizzlies outscored the Bobcats 102-49 and EW, 87-71.

Montana's women's team did not do as well, losing 102-33 to MSU, and 61-40 to EW in the co-educational meet. The Griz women will try to regroup for a triangular meet with Whitworth and Northern Idaho Saturday, April 21, in Spokane.

Seventeen of 35 meet records were broken in the men's and women's events. Seven of the meet records were broken by the men.

"It was a good meet for us," said Clark. "We were glad to get Eastern. A month ago when we were over there (in Cheney, WA), we didn't win one event. We've improved every week since then, though."

Senior Dave Hull started off the meet with a record in the 3,000-meter steeplechase in 9:32.8, erasing the old mark by more than 11 seconds. Dale Giem's 53.36 in the 400-meter intermediate hurdles broke the mark (53.8) he set last season. UM's 440-relay team (Guy Rogers, Larry Weber, Ed Wells, Giem) clocked a 42.73, breaking the old standard of 43.62.

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The Grizzlies now are almost at full strength, with the return of Wells, who has been hampered with a leg injury, and Tim Fox, who has been bothered with a foot ailment.

Wells ran a winning 48.97 in the 400 in his first official clocking in his specialty this season. He holds the school record of 46.9 (1978). Fox ran a 14.8 in the highs for a first, and pushed Gien in the 400 IH with an excellent time of 53.79.

Other Grizzly winners were Monte Solberg in the javelin (215-1) and Geoff Grassle in the 100 (11.17).

Clark said he expects a good meet with Weber State, winner of the Big Sky Conference indoor meet.

"If our distance runners can mix it up with Weber, then I think we can do very well," Clark said. "The sprinters are also a key. The long drive down there could take something out of us, but I think we'll be ready."

"Utah State beat us the last time (81-69, 3/31/79 in Boise), but we match up against them better this time around," Clark said.

Last Friday's triangular victory was the last home meet for the Grizzlies. After this Saturday's meet in Utah they will be in Bozeman April 28th for a dual meet with MSU.

The conference championships are May 21-22 in Boise.

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